

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Personnel*—"The Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Solicitors, the Adjutant General, the Comptroller General, the State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the Department of Insurance" (1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-110).

*Terms of Office*—"All terms 4 years. Under Constitution, Governor eligible to be elected to two successive terms." Art. IV, Secs. 3, 4.

*Vacancies*—In case of vacancy in the office of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller General, Attorney General, or Adjutant General the vacancy shall be filled by election by General Assembly, unless they occur during legislative recess, when Governor shall fill by appointment until election at next session.—1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-120.

In case of vacancy in the office of Solicitor, State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the Director of Department of Insurance the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.—1976 Code, Secs. 1-1-110 and 1-3-220.

## GOVERNOR

Henry D. McMaster

(for biography and picture see p. 15)

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Kevin Lee Bryant (for biography and picture see p. 17)

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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The Secretary of State is responsible for the statewide registration of corporations, Uniform Commercial Code interests, business opportunities, employment agencies, trademarks, notaries, apostilles, and cable franchise authority. This office handles the incorporation of municipalities and special purpose districts, the annexation of land, and the escheatment of real property in South Carolina. The Secretary of State is the administrator and regulator of all charitable laws of this State. The Secretary of State is the custodian of Acts ratified each year by the General Assembly and handles the publication of

positions within certain statewide boards and commissions. The Secretary of State is an ex officio member of the Legislative Council and the Commission on Consumer Affairs.

Secretary of State—MARK HAMMOND (2003–19)

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**HAMMOND, J. Mark [R]**—(Spartanburg Co.)—

*b.* Nov. 29, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* John G., Jr. and

Bonnie Hammond; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A.,

1986; Clemson Univ. M.Ed., 1988; June 23,

1990 *m.* Ginny Hudson, 3 children; Spartan-

burg Co. Clerk of Court, 1997–03; 7th Circuit

Solicitor's Office, Criminal Investigator, 1991–96;

Special Basic Training, S.C. Criminal Justice

Academy, 1991; Juvenile Probation Off., 1988–89; Del., Rep.

Natl. Convention, 2004, 2008; Chm., Intl. Relations Com. of

the Natl. Assn. of Secys. of State (NASS), 2006–07, 2010–11,

2014–15; Outstanding Alumni, Shrine Bowl Award for Public

Serv., 2006; Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Govt., 2007;

Colonel, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, 2007; Ses-

quicentennial Medal of Honor Award; Outstanding Alumni,

Newberry Coll., 2007; Chm., Bus. Servs. Com. (NASS), 2008–09;

rising State Leader, Canadian Embassy & Canadian Con-

sulates Gen., 2008; Trustee, Spartanburg Methodist Coll.,

2009–15; NASS Medallion Award, 2017; mem., Westminster

Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg; elected Secy. of State

Nov. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

*Dep. Secy. of State & Chief*

*Legal Counsel* .....Melissa W. Dunlap

*Gen. Counsel* .....Shannon A. Wiley

*Dep. Gen. Counsel* .....Meredith Augustine

*Media Relations Dir./Exec. Asst.* ....Renee S. Daggerhart

## Division of Business Filings

Tel. (803) 734-2345

The Division of Business Filings is responsible for the registration of business entities including corporations and non-profit organizations, and filing Uniform Commercial Code documents.

*Dir. of Bus. Filings* .....Jody Steigerwalt

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**Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions**

Tel. (803) 734-2512

The Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions is responsible for the registration of notaries, authentications, filing executive orders and ratified acts, and monitoring State boards and commissions.

*Dir.* .....Tracy C. Sharpe

**Division of Public Charities**

Tel. (803) 734-1790

The Division of Public Charities is responsible for the regulation of charitable organizations pursuant to the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

*Dir.* .....Kimberly S. Wickersham

**STATE TREASURER**

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The State Treasurer is the “private banker” for South Carolina. He is responsible for the investment, cash management, and safekeeping of the State’s general and restricted funds. The State Treasurer coordinates banking relationships for the State; issues state debt including the payment of and principal and interest on outstanding debt issues; communicates with bonding rating services; is administrator for abandoned property holdings; the South Carolina Tuition Repayment Program and the South Carolina 529 College Investment Program, Future Scholar.

The Treasurer is Vice Chairman of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The Authority is at the core of South Carolina’s State Government, handling functions such as: State Procurement, State Insurance Programs, The Budget Office, and State Auditor’s Office. The Authority members also approve the actuary of the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

The Treasurer appoints a member of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission, which manages the System’s thirty billion dollar investment pool.

The Treasurer is the Chairman of the State Board of Financial Institutions, which supervises State chartered banks, credit

unions, and savings and loans through the Bank Examining Division; and supervises mortgage originators and lenders, finance companies, pay day lenders, and title lenders through its Consumer Finance Division.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Tobacco Authority, which administers the tobacco settlement funds, and also the custodian of the Authority's funds.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Education Authority and also the custodian of the Authority's funds.

State Treasurer—CURTIS M. LOFTIS, JR. (2011–19)



**LOFTIS, Curtis M., Jr.** [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Businessman; *b.* Sept. 8 in Columbia; *s.* Curtis M. and Mary Knox Loftis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1981; *Dir.*, S.C. Office on Aging, 2007–08; *Dir.* of Transparency, S.C. Comptroller Gen. Office, 2008–09; elected State Treas. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

*Chief of Staff* . . . . . Clarissa T. Adams  
*Dep. State Treas.* . . . . . Cynthia Dannels  
*Dep. State Treas.* . . . . . Tonia Morris  
*Gen. Counsel* . . . . . Robin Johnson  
*Div. Dirs.: Admin.*, Alicia Sharpe; *Banking*, Melissa Simmons; *Debt Mgmt.*, Kevin Kibler; *Info. Technology*, Tom Harmond; *Investments*, J. West Summers; *Programs*, Dayle Delong; *Treasury Mgmt.*, Martin Taylor  
*Legis. Liaison & Exec. Asst. to Treas.* . . . . Edward Frazier

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dennis Bldg., Box 11549, Columbia 29211

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*Duties*—The Attorney General is the head of the legal department of the State of South Carolina; supervises all litigation in which the State or any of its departments, boards, commissions, or institutions are parties; advises all state officers, departments, agencies, and institutions on legal matters; required to attend the sessions of the General Assembly when requested and advise the members thereof. In addition to



representing the State and its departments and agencies, he represents certain county officers in litigation against them and supervises Statewide Grand Jury. While the 16 Solicitors of the State generally conduct prosecutions in criminal matters, the Attorney General has general supervisory responsibility in the prosecutorial area.

The Attorney General also serves as the State's Securities Commissioner, overseeing the registration of all persons engaged in the sale of securities in the State of South Carolina, investigating allegations of fraud or other violations of securities laws, and taking appropriate enforcement action.

Attorney General—ALAN MCCRORY WILSON (2011–19)  
P.O. Box 11549, Columbia 29211

**WILSON, Alan McCrory** [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Atty.; *b.* July 16, 1973 in Ft. Wolters, Tex.; *s.* Joe and Roxanne Wilson; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.S., 1996; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2002; Sept. 30, 2006 *m.* Jennifer Miskewicz, 2 children, Michael and Anna Grace; Eagle Scout recipient, Boy Scouts of America, 1991; Charter mem., West Metro Rotary Club, West Columbia, 2002–; Bd. mem.: Midlands Mental Health Assn., 2001–02; World Affairs Council, 2002–07; Asst. Solicitor, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2003–06; Asst. Atty. Gen., 2007–09; Chm., Chinquapin Dist. of the Indian Waters Council, 2008; lifetime mem., Natl. Rifle Assn.; Chm., The Rep. Atty. Gen. Assn. (RAGA), 2013–; mem., First Presbyterian Church, 1978–; mil. serv.: SCNG, 1996–; Lt. Col.; Operation Iraqi Freedom II, 2005–06; elected Atty. Gen. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

*Chief Dep. Atty. Gen.* ..... Jeff Young  
*Communications Dir.* ..... Robert Kittle  
*Dir. Govt. Relations* ..... John P. Hazzard  
*Senior Exec. Asst.* ..... Lisa B. Gibson



## COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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The Comptroller General is the State's chief fiscal and accounting officer and serves on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The Comptroller's Office serves as "watch-dog of the public purse." The Office oversees and processes all state spending and administers and processes the payrolls of state agencies. The Office controls the receiving and disbursing of public funds; reports annually on the financial operations and condition of state government; maintains the statewide fiscal transparency website that includes state agencies, school districts, and colleges and universities (see link at [www.cg.sc.gov](http://www.cg.sc.gov)); and advises state agencies on fiscal and accounting matters. The Office maintains the State's centralized accounting system, and at the end of every fiscal year its staff of professional accountants produces the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR.)

Comptroller General—**RICHARD ECKSTROM, CPA (2003–19)**



**ECKSTROM, Richard A. [R]**—(Lexington Co.)—Certified Public Accountant; *b.* June 23, 1948 in Duluth, Minn.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1971, M.B.A., 1977, Master of Accountancy, 1978; Adjunct Faculty, Queens Coll., Charlotte, 1979–80; Pres., Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club, 1986–87, 1993–94; Chm., Greenville Mental Health Center Bd., 1987–90; Chm., Greenville Voc. Rehab. Bus. Adv. Bd., 1989–90; mem., State Mental Health Comm., 1991–94; Chm., Univ. of S.C. Friends of Accounting Dept., 2001–02; mem., Gov.'s MAP Comm., 2003; Chm., State Mil. Base Task Force, 2003–13; Pres., Natl. Assn. of State Comptrollers, 2013–14; Chm., S.C. Fourth Congressional Dist. Rep. Party, 1991–93; State Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008; Life mem.: Naval Reserve Assn.; Life mem.: Natl. Rifle Assn.; mem., Gun Owners of S.C.; mil. serv.: commissioned in USN, 1971; served 3 years active duty, 1971–73, performed oceanographic research; USNR, 1973–95, achieved rank of Navy Capt.; Comdr., S.C. State

Guard, 2011–14, achieved rank of Major Gen. (SCSG); First Presbyterian Church, Cola.; State Treas., 1994–98; elected Comptroller Gen. Nov. 2002, serving continuously since.

*Chief of Staff* ..... Eddie Gunn

*Dir. of Operations* ..... John Barfield, CPA

*Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.*,

*Fin. Reporting* ..... David Starkey, CPA

*Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.*,

*Statewide Payroll/AP* ..... Ronnie Head, CPA

*Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.*,

*Statewide Accounting* ..... Kathy Johnson, CPA

*Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen., IT* ..... Scott Houston

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provides leadership and services to ensure a system of public education through which all students will become educated, responsible, and contributing citizens. In addition, the Department administers the annual appropriation for education in compliance with laws and directives passed by the General Assembly and rules and regulations passed by the State Board of Education. It also administers funds received from the federal government and from other sources in compliance with federal and state regulations. Other items included in the appropriation are for the administration of the SCDE and for instruction, special services, planning, research, publications, school building, transportation, instructional materials, food services, and assessment of student achievement.

State Supt. of Education—MOLLY M. SPEARMAN (2015–19)

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**SPEARMAN, Molly M.** [R]—(Saluda Co.)—Educator; *b.* Jan. 23, 1954 in Saluda; *d.* Rudolph and the late Lenora (Werts) Mitchell; *g.* Lander Univ., B.A., 1976; George Washington Univ., M.A., 1981; post graduate work, Educ. Admin., Univ. of S.C.; July 17, 1976 *m.* William E. Spearman III, 2 children, Mitchell and Katie; Pres., Lander Univ. Student Govt. Assn.,



1975–76; Teacher of the Year, Chapin Elementary, 1986; Natl. Legis. Chm., Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1992; Natl. Educ. Chm., Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1992; Pres., S.C. Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1990–91; Chm. and Dir., Palmetto Girls State, 1989, 1990, 1992; Girls Nation Dir. & Natl. Girls State Chm., 1994; Delta Kappa Gamma Hon. Soc.; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Amer. Legion, 1996; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control, 1998; church organist, Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church; S.C. House of Reps., 1993–98; Dep. Supt., Dept. of Educ., 1998–05; Exec. Dir., S.C. Assn. of School Admins., 2005–14; elected State Supt. of Educ. Nov. 4, 2014.

*Chief Operating Off.* ..... Elizabeth Carpentier

*Dep. Supt., Legal Affairs* ..... Cathy L. Hazelwood

*Dep. Supt.* ..... Julie Gore Fowler, Ph.D.

*Dep. Supt.* ..... Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Esq.

*Dep. Supt.* ..... Virgie R. Chambers, MPA

*Dep. Supt.* ..... Sheila B. Quinn, Ed.D.

*Dir., Comm. & Govt. Affairs* ..... Emily Heatwole Keeney

*Chief Fin. Office* ..... Nancy Williams

*Comm. Off.* ..... Ryan Brown

## ADJUTANT GENERAL

1 National Guard Rd., Columbia 29201-4766

Tel. (803) 299-4200

(*Duties*, see 1976 Code, Sec. 25-1-350)

The Adjutant General is head of the Military Department of the State. He administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, and the State Guard. The Governor, by law, is the Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant General is a Constitutional Officer and has the rank of Major General. The Army National Guard maintains 59 armories throughout the State with a strength of 9,310 as of mid-2017. All Air Guard units are located at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, S.C. and have a strength of 1,319 as of mid-2017. The Emergency Preparedness Division was established as a separate entity of the Adjutant General's Office by Act 199, Sec. 21, 1979. The Division is responsible for coordinating the efforts of all state, county, and municipal agencies in developing state Emergency Response Plans and conducting statewide

emergency preparedness efforts to ensure the safety of the citizens of the State.

The Adjutant General—ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON, JR.  
(2011–19)

1 National Guard Rd., Columbia 29201-4200

**LIVINGSTON, Robert E., Jr.** [R]—(Lexington Co.)—*b.* July 17, 1956 in Columbia; *s.* Robert E., Sr. and Raye Hutto Livingston; *g.* Hampden Sydney Coll., B.S., 1978; Georgia Inst. of Technology, B.S., 1980, M.S., 1981; Univ. of S.C., M.B.A., 1988; USA War Coll., M.S., 2001; Dec. 27, 1976 *m.* Barbara Flora, 4 children, Robert E. III, Rachel, Rebekah, and Roxanne; past Bd. of Dirs. mem. and Small Bus. Task Force Chm., S.C. Chamber of Commerce; Gov.'s Task Force on School to Work; past Pres., Army Engineer Assn. of S.C.; past Pres., Capital Rotary Club; Professional Engineer; First Honor Graduate, Palmetto Mil. Academy, Off. Candidate School, 1980; Phi Beta Kappa, 1976; Defense Superior Serv. medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Army Superior Unit Award; French Gold Natl. Columbian Medalla Militar "Fe En La Causa" Defense Medal; Combat Action Badge; Parachutist Badge; Silver DeFleury Medal; Sgt. William Jasper Freedom Award, 2009; past Secy. of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church; mil. serv.: SCARNG, 1978–; Comdr., Task Force 218, Ft. Jackson, 2004; Comdr., 218th Infantry Brigade, Newberry, 2005–07; Comdr., combined Jt. Task Force Phoenix (VI), Kabal, Afghanistan, 2007–08; Dir., Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Natl. Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va., 2008; Dir., Coalition; elected Adjutant Gen. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.



*Dep. Adjutant Gen.* ..... MG R. Van McCarty  
*Chief of Staff, SCARNG* ..... COL Ronnie Taylor  
*Public Info. Dir.* ..... LTC Cindi King  
*Staff Judge Advocate* ..... COL Butch Bowers  
*U.S. Property & Fiscal Office* ..... COL Ronnie Finley  
*Comdr., McEntire ANG Base* ..... COL Nicholas Gentile  
*Comdr., S.C. State Guard* ..... BG Tom Mullikin  
*EMD Dir.* ..... Kim Stenson

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The South Carolina Department of Agriculture was created in 1879 for the purpose of fostering agriculture in South Carolina and is responsible for the enforcement of more than 30 statutes relating to agriculture. These activities range from providing consumer protection in weights and measures to bonded storage for non-perishable agricultural products and marketing programs of an objective motive such as grading, inspection and market news programs on livestock, fruits, vegetables, grain, and poultry products. It also provides for the establishment and supervision of marketing authorities in communities throughout the State, the development and construction of grading, storage, and other facilities necessary for optimum performance of the agricultural marketing processes. Agriculture and agri-business is a growth industry in South Carolina.

Commissioner—HUGH E. WEATHERS (2005–19)  
Bowman



**WEATHERS, Hugh Ervin [R]**—(Orangeburg Co.)—4th generation farmer, Weathers Farms, Inc., Partner, Circle W. Farms, Owner, Weathers Trucking, Inc.; *b.* June 27, 1956; *s.* Lawrence and Frances Weathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., *magna cum laude*, B.S., 1978; *m.* Blanche Gramling Weathers, 3 children, Gill, Edward, and Julius, 2 granddaughters; past Pres.,

Amer. Dairy Assn. of S.C., 1987–04; Chm., S.C. Farm Bureau Legis. Comm., 2000–04; S.C. Farm Bureau PAC Comm., 2001–04; Bd. mem., United Dairy Industries Assn., 1994–98; S.C. Dairy Assn., 1996–01; S.C. Conservation Bank, 2001–04; AgSouth Farm Credit Assn., 1997–11; Greater Bowman Bus. Dev. Council, 2002–04; mem., S.C. DHEC Task Force on Livestock Regulations, 1996; NASDA mem.; Pres., Southern United States Trade Assn., 2007–09; Pres., Southern Assn. of State Depts. of Agric., 2011–12; S.C. Dairy Hall of Fame Inductee, 2011; mem., Orangeburg First Baptist Church; apptd. interim Comr. Sept. 14, 2004; apptd. Comr. Jan. 17, 2005, elected Comr. Nov. 7, 2006, serving continuously since.

**Administration**

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*Exec. Asst. to the Comr.* ..... Stefanie Kitchen  
*Asst. Comr., Agric. Servs.* ..... Martin Eubanks  
*Asst. Comr., Ag. Operations* ..... Aaron Wood  
*Asst. Comr., Ext. Affairs/Econ. Dev.* ..... Clint Leach  
*Dir., Budget & Fin.* ..... Carla Lindler  
*Dir., Public Info.* ..... Vacant

**Consumer Services Protection Div.**

123 Ballard Court, West Columbia 29172  
 Laboratory Tel. (803) 737-9700  
 Consumer Services Tel. (803) 737-9690

*Asst. Comr., Consumer Protection* .... Derek Underwood  
*Dir., Consumer Servs.* ..... John Stokes  
*Dir., Chemical & Seed Laboratory Servs.* ... Phil Trefsgar  
*Dir., Food Safety & Compliance* ..... Angie Culler

**Metrology Laboratory**

237 Catawba St., Columbia 29201  
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*Mgr.* ..... Robert McGee

**State Farmers Market**

208 Wholesale Lane, West Columbia 29172  
 Tel. (803) 737-4664

*Dir./Mgr.* ..... Brad Boozer

**Greenville State Farmers Market**

1354 Rutherford Rd., Greenville 29609  
 Tel. (864) 244-4023

*Asst. Mgr.* ..... Ardonia Summerall

**Pee Dee State Farmers Market**

2513 W. Lucas St., Florence 29501  
 Tel. (843) 665-5154

*Mgr.* ..... Tre' Coleman

**Grain Grading and Inspection**

117 Ballard Court, West Columbia 29172  
 Tel. (803) 737-4588

*Dir.* ..... Jack Dantzler